

CONGRATULATING THE SILSBEE
BULLDOGS FOR THEIR STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Silsbee Bulldogs for winning the Class 4-A State Basketball Championship on March 11, 2017 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. There is no doubt it takes an incredible amount of persistence, hard work, passion and skill to accomplish this feat. These young men have shown all of these qualities and I applaud each and every one of them. I would like to personally recognize each one of them and their coaches.

Players: Bruce Newton, Calvin Tyler, Michael McCain, Braelon Bush, Jordyn Adams, Trajan Harris, Willie Jones, Adonis Thomas, Jadon Bass, Landyn Tyler, Chris Martin, Chris Thomas, Decoby Jones, Kalon Barnes and Devon McCain; Superintendent: Richard Bain; Principal: Paul Trevino; Athletic Director: Randy Smith; Assistant Athletic Director: Kim Albers; Head Coach: Joe Sigler; Assistant Coaches: Ira Brooks and James Collins; Manager: Jerome Boykins; Athletic Trainer: John Williamson; Student Trainer: Brittany Stephens.

I wish each one of them continued success on and off the basketball court. Go Bulldogs.

H.R. 479, THE NORTH KOREA
STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM
DESIGNATION ACT OF 2017

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, North Korea spent 20 years on the State Sponsor of Terrorism list for acts of international terrorism and its dangerous proliferation activities. But in 2008, North Korea was taken off the state sponsors of terrorism list in exchange for its commitment to dismantle its nuclear program.

Nine years later, we've lived up to our end of the bargain while North Korea has carried out four nuclear tests. Not only that—but little Kim has escalated his support for international terrorism.

In 2009 alone, three North Korean arms shipments bound for terrorist groups were interdicted. North Korean experts have advised both Hezbollah and Hamas in the construction of their terrorist tunnel networks.

North Korea has directly menaced the U.S. using new-age digital terrorism, launching cyber-attacks against U.S. government agencies and Sony Pictures.

Last month Kim Jon-un's half-brother was brutally assassinated in Malaysia by suspected North Korean operatives using the chemical weapon VX nerve agent.

North Korea's actions have only grown more flagrant since being removed from the terrorism list. Kim's actions threaten our infrastructure, our economy, and ultimately our national security.

That's why I introduced H.R. 479 The North Korea State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation

Act. My bill requires the Secretary of State to determine whether or not North Korea meets the criteria for a State Sponsor of Terrorism. It also expresses the sense of Congress that North Korea likely meets the criteria for designation as an SST. North Korea is a State Sponsor of terrorism.

And that's just the way it is.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-
GRESS THAT THE SUPREME
COURT MISINTERPRETED THE
FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CON-
STITUTION IN THE CASE OF
BUCKLEY V. VALEO RESOLUTION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Expressing the Sense of Congress that the Supreme Court Misinterpreted the First Amendment to the Constitution in the Case of Buckley v. Valeo" Resolution, an important bill to promote and preserve free speech.

The landmark Supreme Court case Buckley v. Valeo was decided over forty years ago. Justice Byron White called the decision "a mortal danger against which effective preventive and curative steps must be taken."

In the wake of a Presidential election where spending approached \$5 billion, we see the influence of wealthy donors. They are granted an inordinate amount of influence over the politicians they elect. True to form, it appears to have endowed donors with an unusually high number of Cabinet positions in the Trump Administration. Nearly 38 percent of President Trump's high-level government posts were given to campaign donors.

Congress must end the current practice of allowing elections to be bought by the highest bidder. If money equals free speech, then lack of money equals lack of free speech.

We must ensure that our campaigns are reflective of the people's voices, not those of Wall Street and corporations. Buckley v. Valeo took this inviolate First Amendment right away from the people. In order to secure free speech as a right of "we the people," this misinterpretation must be readdressed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 186, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

TRIBUTE TO THE EDITOR OF MID-
LAND DAILY NEWS AT THE
HEARST CORPORATION JOHN H.
"JACK" TELFER II

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Telfer, the Editor of the Midland Daily News, upon his retirement.

Jack was born and raised in Port Huron where he attended St. Clair County Community College and earned his Associates degree. He went on to attend Central Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelors in Journalism in 1978. After finishing school, Jack began his career in journalism as a court and police beat reporter for the Daily Tribune.

Jack went on to become the Editor of the Huron Daily Tribune in 1983. His leadership was exceptional and he earned the Hearst Eagle Award, which is the company's highest award for excellence. In 1991, he moved to Midland to become the Editor of the Midland Daily News, another Hearst Publication. In his 25 years at the Midland Daily News, he has been a cornerstone of the paper's success and helped lead it to the 2016 Michigan Press Association Newspaper of the Year award.

Outside of work, Jack's wife Jeanne, daughter Renee and son John Telfer III along with their spouses and his grandchildren have been the biggest part of his life. Jack looks forward to spending more time with them and further imparting his legacy of faith and love of hockey.

Jack has been especially helpful in giving back to Michigan's Fourth District. He has had strong involvement with the United Way of Midland, volunteering and serving on the board. His strategic thinking has helped the organization and our community.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Jack Telfer for his lifetime of work in media and for his commitment to the Midland Community.

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR
ANGELINA M. PENNISI STEINER
FOR HER LITERARY ACHIEVE-
MENTS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and honor Angelina M. Pennisi Steiner for her literary achievements. At the age of thirteen, her poem "The Rusty Clock" was selected to be included in the award-winning Children's Album of Poetry Archives. After submitting another poem, "A Nightly Wish," Mrs. Steiner became the only person in her school to be included twice. In 2014, her first book, "Chasing Dreams" was published. Now, her second book, "Beautiful Words Coming My Way" is being published and archived in the Library of Congress.

Mrs. Steiner joined the Plant City Senior Center several years ago, where she shared her talents in weekly poetry readings. She became a member of the Florida Writer's Association, has been a guest at Winter Haven's

"Meet the Artist Event in the Park," and was the featured guest speaker at Bruton Memorial Library. Angelina recently participated in the 36th Annual Tampa Bay Senior Talent Showcase.

A loving wife, and a mother of four children, Mrs. Steiner is inspired from everyday events, and has the talent to paint a beautiful picture through her poetry. Her rare talent and literary achievements must not go unrecognized. It makes me proud that a constituent of mine has achieved success in her literary endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF RHUDINE DORSEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to an exceptional community leader and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Rhudine Warren Nelson Dorsey, fondly known as Dina, as she celebrates 45 years of service with the Georgia Legal Services Program.

Dina was born to John and Minnie Warren in Columbus, Georgia. As an "Army brat," her family moved around a lot and she attended several schools. She finished high school at William H. Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia. She furthered her education at Columbus College (now Columbus State University) and Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

In 1972, Dina began working at the Georgia Legal Services Program, formerly the Legal Aid Society, and has been an advocate for low-income clients with the organization ever since. She started as a receptionist under the management of attorney Rufe McCombs. She has since served as Domestic Relations Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Pro Bono Coordinator, and Paralegal. In these roles, she has helped numerous clients collect countless dollars owed to them by government agencies such as the Social Security Administration.

The Georgia Legal Services Program was founded in 1971, just one year before Dina began to work there. While independent of the Georgia State Bar, the organization was formed to establish a statewide legal services program and provide expanded legal services in Macon, Columbus and Savannah. Today, the Georgia Legal Services Program serves about 10,000 clients a year directly and many more through free legal clinics and "Ask a Lawyer" days.

Dina's work with the Georgia Legal Services Program over the past 45 years has been widely recognized in the Columbus community. In 2006, she received the Liberty Bell Award from the Columbus Bar Association. That same year, she received the Mayor's Commission on Unity and Diversity Distinguished Woman Award.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Dina established a legacy in advocating for quality legal services for low-income people, but she has also done a tremendous job of giving back to the great city of Columbus, and I am

very grateful for her tireless efforts to make the community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise in her field are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others is what has made her life's work truly special.

On a personal note, I have been blessed to know Dina since 1972 when I first moved to Columbus. She and her family have been dear friends to me and my family and I can say without reservation that she is one of the most passionate and warmhearted individuals with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation to Mrs. Rhudine Dorsey as she celebrates 45 years of service with the Georgia Legal Services Program.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. DONALD ELY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life of my friend, Mr. Don Ely, and express my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

On March 13, 2017, at 81 years old, Don passed away. The people of Sunbury and the greater community of Pennsylvania's 11th District, along with myself, will miss him greatly and are forever thankful for the service he provided his community.

Don began his career as a clergyman, serving congregations across the Commonwealth for nearly a decade before launching his career in education. Don was an accomplished school teacher, having taught history, government, and civics for over 32 years at Shikellamy High School in Sunbury. During the majority of his teaching years, he continued his work as a pastor until he had completed 25 years of his ministry. In addition to his work as a pastor and an educator, Don was also active in politics. He became a member of the Northumberland County Republican Committee in 1987 and the Republican State Committee in 1992, never missing a single meeting. Don was instrumental in supporting Republican candidates on the local, state, and federal levels. He was also an active, contributing member of the Heritage Foundation, the Commonwealth Foundation of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvanians for Effective Government. Whether it was his years of leadership for the Republican Party of Pennsylvania, his work as a teacher, or his dedication to his family, Don's impact on the Sunbury community will not soon be forgotten.

Don is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lois Kirkpatrick Ely, and their three children, Kathleen Ely Lybarger, Dr. Stephen Ely and his wife Herta, and Yvonne Ely Renaud, his grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia, and Luke Lybarger, James, Ethan, and Patrick Renaud, George and Stephen Ely, his niece, Sandra Smith Kastel, as well as Philip Smith and Cindy Smith Leist.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the legendary life of Mr. Don Ely.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LUNS C. RICHARDSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a patriotic American, outstanding South Carolina, and very special friend and constituent, Dr. Luns C. Richardson. He is retiring after 43 years as President of Morris College in my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina, the alma mater of both my parent.

Dr. Luns C. Richardson is the longest serving college president in South Carolina and the ninth president of Morris College. He is a native of Hartsville, where he graduated from Butler High School in 1945 as Class Valedictorian. He received the A.B. degree (magna cum laude) from Benedict College and the M.A. degree in higher education administration at Teachers College, Columbia University. He pursued additional studies at my alma mater, South Carolina State University, Rutgers University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dr. Richardson held several significant positions in secondary, vocational and higher education before becoming President of Morris College in 1974. He served fifteen years at Denmark Technical College (then known as South Carolina Area Trade School) as Dean of Men, Chaplain and teacher, two years as the principal of St. Helena High School, Frogmore, South Carolina, and one year as the principal of Wilson High School, in Florence, South Carolina. He also served six years at Benedict College, the last sixteen months as Acting President. Prior to his assuming the presidency of Morris College, he was the Executive Vice President at Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina. He served as pastor of Thankful Baptist Church in Bamberg, South Carolina for 56 years, 1958 until 2014.

My family's relationship with Morris College is very personal. My mother graduated from Morris College in 1953 when I was 12 years old. My father studied theology at Morris in the early 1940s for three years but was not allowed to finish his studies because he had not graduated from high school. Having been born in 1897 in segregated South Carolina, my father was never allowed to advance beyond the seventh grade. Though he was not allowed to graduate in 1945 as he should have, thanks to Dr. Richardson and the Board of Trustees, he was posthumously awarded his Bachelor of Theology Degree 58 years later in 2003, a most proud moment for my family and for me.

Under Dr. Richardson's leadership, numerous developments have taken place at Morris College: the liquidation of a half-million indebtedness, the construction of 17 new buildings, an increase in library holdings to more than 132,000 volumes, faculty upgrading to 72 percent earned doctorates, curriculum expansion including at least 16 new majors and an Army ROTC unit.

The endowment has grown from \$30,000 to more than \$12 million. He also led Morris College in its initial accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 1978 and to membership in the United Negro College Fund in 1982.